

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF BROWN
COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

May 26, 2011

PRESENT: Libbie Miller, Pat Hickey, Barbara Robinson, Donajane Brash, Bill Clancy,
Tom Diedrick, Lisa Van Donsel, Keith Pamperin, Steve Daniels,

EXCUSED: Grace Aanonsen, Judy Parrish, Patricia Finder-Stone, Marvin Rucker

ALSO PRESENT: Sunny Archambault, Devon Christianson, Arlene Westphal, Debra Bowers,
Angela Biese, Michelle Dahlke, May Kaying Lor, Tina Whetung, Denise Misovec,
Diana Brown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairperson Diedrick called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by Board Members and those present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Mr. Pamperin to adopt the May 26, 2011 agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2011: Ms. Miller moved and Ms. Brasch seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2011. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no comments.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. REVIEW OF THE PRELIMINARY APRIL 2011 FINANCE REPORT: Ms. Archambault opened the floor to Ms. Bowers, the ADRC Accountant, who will be reviewing the finance report today and at future meetings.

Ms. Bowers noted that we are underspent in salary/fringe benefits due to the delay in hiring two budgeted I&A positions until May. We are temporarily over spent in training as most of the trainings occur in spring and fall. Printing costs are also temporarily over budget because we placed an annual order at the beginning of the year.

The revenue report indicates that we are earning more than expected in Medical Assistance Claiming and we anticipate that this trend will continue. We will likely receive the State 85.21 Transportation Dollars in June.

Ms. Hickey moved and Ms. Miller seconded to approve the April 2011 Finance Report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. REQUEST FROM RED CROSS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COVER FUEL INCREASES: Ms. Archambault tabled the request from Red Cross at this time.

C. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESTRICTED DONATIONS: Board members reviewed the restricted donation of \$50 for Home-Delivered Meals in memory of Marynelle Nadeau.

Mr. Pamperin moved and Ms. Miller seconded to approve the Restricted Donations. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF PUBLISHING SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR AGENCY NEWSLETTER:

Ms. Archambault reported that the Support Team has been looking into alternate ways to publish the ADRC's newsletter. After researching this process it has become apparent that a publishing company

out of New Berlin, Liturgical Publications, Inc. publishes newsletters for many of the senior centers and churches in our area as well as throughout the state. Liturgical Publications is proposing to produce an 8 ½" x 11" newsletter consisting of 24-28 pages with some color content 12 times a year. We would still have full editorial content approval and Liturgical Publications would be in charge of obtaining advertisers to support the newsletter. Not only would we save on paper costs, wear and tear on our copy machine, and 24 hours a month of senior aide time, but our copy machine would be more available to the rest of the staff. With the Support Team's workload increasing, this would free up more of the secretary's time to take on new responsibilities. There is also the possibility that the ADRC could be receiving some revenue depending on how much advertising is sold.

Ms. Archambault requested board approval to proceed with the newsletter project.

Sup. Clancy moved and Mr. Daniels seconded to approve proceeding with publishing the ADRC Newsletter through Liturgical Publications, Inc. with re-evaluation in 6 months. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADULT DAY CARE UPDATE: Ms. Brown, Vice President for Program Services with N.E.W. Curative Rehabilitation, Inc., began by thanking the ADRC for its 31 years of funding. N.E.W. Curative is a private, non-profit organization serving over 2,000 persons a year. They have a collaborative relationship with Door and Kewaunee Counties and will be working with Manitowoc County in the future.

Ms. Brown gave a brief review of all of the Older Americans Programs N.E.W. Curative has in place including the older American's Club in Shawano, the Alzheimer's Adult Day Program at the Cloud Family Care Center in Green Bay, and the Inhouse Adult Day Program, the Mind Movers Program, the Insiders Adult Day Program and the Insiders II Adult Day Program. Also in July, a small Adult Day Care Program was started in Sister Bay, WI.

Ms. Brown's report focused on those programs housed at N.E.W. Curative. The Inhouse Adult Day Program is a medical model operating Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. with a capacity of 60. The Insiders & Insiders II Adult Day Program is a Dementia Care Model operating Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The Insiders Program has a capacity of 30 and the Insiders II Program serves 12. Mind Movers is an early memory loss program designed to enhance brain health for those who experience early signs of memory loss. This program develops helpful memory strategies, maintains community involvement, sustains social connections, and provides access to resources regarding memory loss, educational opportunities and care partner support.

In summary, Ms. Brown conducted a tour of the four programs housed at N.E.W. Curative.

DISCUSSION OF SERVICES TO HMONG ELDERS: Ms. Brown of N.E.W. Curative announced that May Kaying Lor, a UWGB Student in the Social Work Program doing her internship with the ADRC, approached her with the idea of creating a Hmong Elders Program. This would not be an Adult Day Care but more of a Senior Center concept.

After visiting such a program in Madison, an Advisory Committee was established. Work was done to establish a name, and develop a mission, and vision statement: The name of the program is "*Hmong Senior Tsev KajSiab*" meaning Hmong Senior House of Joy and Happiness. Their mission statement is: "*Our mission is to create a culturally harmonic environment to Hmong elders to promote trust, values, and wellbeing within the Hmong elder community.*" "*The vision of the Hmong Senior Tsev KajSiab (house of joy and happiness) is to provide a safe and non-judgmental environment where Hmong elders gather to relieve everyday stress, depression, worries, tension, and loneliness. Hmong Senior Tsev KajSiab will provide social group activities, nutrition, education, advocacy, resources, and transportation services to meet the needs of Hmong elders. Our vision is to break the cultural and language barriers faced by Hmong elders by building their self-esteem.*"

Projections for funding ranged from \$60,000 to \$250,000 per year. Ms. Lor noted that they will be looking into different funding sources and coordinating with Red Cross for transportation needs. At present they are working with volunteers but will need regular staff down the road.

Plans are being made to offer this program at least 1 day a week from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in June of 2011 utilizing volunteers to coordinate the activities and transportation. Over the next few months they will explore grant possibilities and program models will be developed and collaborators identified. At this time May Kaying Lor is the primary contact for the development of programs, Cathy Putman is a volunteer grant writer, N.E.W. Curative will sponsor the program space and assist with the development of activities. The ADRC has been asked to investigate the possibility of providing congregate meals at the center serving traditional Hmong foods.

ORIENTATION – ADRC/FAMILY CARE: Ms. Christianson, Assistant Director of the ADRC, presented an overview and brief history of the development and reform of Wisconsin's long term care system. The overview included the role of ADRCs in reforming long term care, ADRC functions, why the system needed reforming, and how the changes would impact current waiver consumers and consumers on the waiting list.

In 2005 the Aging Resource Center of Brown County received a 3-year grant to develop and implement an Aging & Disability Resource Center. An ADRC serves older adults, adults with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, mental health and substance abuse issues and students transitioning from school to adult services. The ADRC's primary functions consist of linking consumers to resources with options counseling, Disability & Elderly Benefit Specialists, determining eligibility through adult functional screens and enrollment/disenrollment counseling. ADRCs serve as the entry way to publicly funded long term care services.

For more than 30 years, Wisconsin has provided persons who meet functional and financial requirements with funds to purchase services to live in the community as opposed to living in institutions. Unlike funding for nursing home care – which is an entitlement – funding for community care is limited and counties soon developed waiting lists for community services. The system also is facing the demands of an aging population. Individuals over the age of 85 are the fastest growing segment of the aging population, the group that is most in need of long term care (LTC), and an age group that is projected to grow by 45% by 2030. With these growing demands on the long term care system, Wisconsin looked at ways to reform the system to be more cost-effective and sustainable. The goal of LTC redesign is to use the multiple funding sources Wisconsin dedicates to long term care for a managed care model that includes an entitlement to services if a person meets the eligibility requirements.

In 2001 the state piloted Family Care, a managed care model, in 5 counties. By the end of 2010, 55 of Wisconsin's 72 counties have Family Care. The goal was to have Family Care in all counties by 2013. However, the governor's proposed budget has placed the expansion of Family Care on hold and has capped funding in the existing Family Care counties.

Audits show the Family Care is working: there is an improvement in consumer health and functioning; reduced use of institutions; and overall savings in Medicaid from reduced use of nursing homes and hospitals.

Ms. Christianson explained that NEW Family Care was established by the county boards of Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto and Shawano in October of 2010 to plan and develop a regional managed care organization. The governor's proposed budget does not include funding for this expansion and it is unclear what will happen to this organization now. Counties will continue providing long term care services but there will be no entitlement to community care and persons on the waiting list will continue to grow.

In summary, Ms. Christianson noted that the 2011-2013 budget changes will impact MA Programs such as Economic Support Units, Badger Care Plus and its subprograms including CORE (childless adults), and Medicaid for elderly, blind and disabled populations and its subprograms, SSI-related MA, MAPP (MA Purchase Plan), Institutional and community based long-term care programs (Family Care, COP, CIP), the Katie Beckett Program and Senior Care.

FAMILY CARE UPDATES: Ms. Archambault distributed a news release from the Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Organizations stating that on Tuesday the Joint Finance Committee voted to freeze all long-term care programs in Wisconsin, impacting thousands of seniors and people with disabilities.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. Archambault reported that we have purchased the building at 330 S. Adams street. We will now proceed with the remodeling before we move the home bound meal program and other staff over to this location.

LEGISLATIVE/BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Diedrick announced that Options for Independent Living hosted a press conference where the "Wisconsin Values Budget" was presented. This budget reflects an alternative approach to balancing the state budget than the one proposed by the governor. The "Values Budget" included additional taxes for the wealthy and large corporations, fewer concessions, from workers, increased revenues, and reduced cuts to Medicaid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

NEXT MEETING DATE – JUNE 23, 2011: The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2011.

ADJOURN: Mr. Daniel moved to adjourn and Ms. Hickey seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Westphal, Secretary